BIG DUTY PAYMENTS.

RUSH OF BUSINESS AT THE CUSTOM HOUSE.

THE AMOUNT PAID ON GOODS WITHDRAWN FROM

There was a tremendous rush of business at the use yesterday. The regular time for closon Saturday is I o'clock, but it was 1:30 before cashier's office could attend to all the brokers' and importers' clerks who were waiting to pay dunotwithstanding the fact that five extra men were employed to receive money and invoices. The bulk of the duty payments was on goods in bond, and these payments were made in anticipation of a tive provision in the tariff to be adopted by the extra session of Congress, which will assembly

The total payments of duties for the day were \$1,68,685.67, and the payments on goods taken out of bond were \$1,210,696.83. This latter sum was the argest payment on withdrawals from bond in the f the New-York Custom House. It covered withdrawals. The applications for withdrawal to but only the number named could be The Sugar Trust withdrew all the sugar it had in bond. Issue Rosenwald & Co. also withdrew the enormous stock of tobacco they had in bond.

The largest amount of duties paid in the history New-York Custom House was \$2,308,000, on ment in one day was \$1,629,295 25, on Janu 1, 1885. On that date the duties paid on with frawals was \$1,697,656 95. The Wilson bill went into August 28, 1894, but the woollen schedules did no: become operative until January 1 following. The ord payment of duties on August 1, 1872, followed the scaling down of duties from the war tariff under

More than \$2,000,000 was deposited in the Sub-Treas ury yesterday, for which certificates were taken to be used in payment of duties. This fores heavy duty payments to-morrow. One wanted to deposit a certificate for \$2.00 ther one for \$2.00 with William H. North-cashier of the Custom House, on account of Mr. Northrup would not receive the certibecause they were not accompanied with

John H. Dunne, of Schwartz, Dupee & I yesterday: The cost of production of its in this country, owing to the abundance is considerably less than in any country orid. The cost of putting corn in barrela, is the cost of cooperage, is, however, sufficing with freight charges, to debar Americas from foreign markets. With the emmoved, it is claimed that alcohol of Americanfacture will be as universally used as a petroleum."

perfoleum; be as universary used as perroleum; han exchange market is reflecting the parments. The New-York News Burean the fellowing yesterday; "The supply to a like the period of the opening of interior naviousers have already booked large orders list to be sold at that time, and it seems at a considerable amount of wheat toward. Government estimate notwith-The demand for bills against European curities appears to be over. Merchantations, however, are beginning to show quite satisfactory to the holders of resing. The movement is likely to increase from the assumption that wool duties turiff are to be restored practically to ley ant besis.

the tariff are to be restored practically to thinky act basis. Large foreign houses are almost a unit in a reference of the total rates will not decline for a long his is evident from the fact that they will americal bills, seller's option, two months at almost spot prices. On the other hand, little probability that the market will admerially. Throughout the week there has leady, moderate pressure to sell maturing sterling, a situation which would hardly the prospect for a higher market seemed lear. Estimates of the amount in reserve early. The amount horrowed on has delargely. Some houses are known to have exhausted their supply, others say that pply is intact, not to be used until the occupience in the control of t

THE TREE PLANTING ASSOCIATION. The Tree Planting Association issues the follow

on seems to prevail among on will not grow in the streets of New rong proof to the contrary is furnisher rong proof to the state arms in lowe umber of trees still remaining in lower the state streets in the

is time now to make a change. It is a rech to the city that its streets should be so
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us. Homes will rent mere quickly or
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expenditure of \$10 provides a fair-sized, thestemmed, symmetrical tree, pays for the stead work of cutting the curhatone, supplytesh soil and removing all debris, while for handsome tree, scientifically planted, will be hed and guaranteed for two years, the charge ris for the same work being, it is under-

ood, &s.

orders for trees should be placed now, so as to sure the best selection. Lists of trees that are commended by experts, and also a list of nurrymen who will do the work, will be supplied by the Tree Planting Association, office Nos. and 66 White-st., New-York City. Apply only mail.

COUNTERFEITERS COMING HERE.

A clever band of counterfeiters of twenty-pound notes of the Bank of England are now said to be on their way to the United States, and it is believed that they contemplate operating in the larger cities

The Pinkerton Detective Agency of this city has just been informed by the London attorneys for the Bank of England, Freshfield & Williams, that there are now in circulation in the larger cities of Europe counterfelt twenty-pound Bank of England notes dated January 15, 1896. notes are described as being faulty and irregular, the photograph of "Britannia" not being clear. The notes present a dirty appearance, which has evidently been caused through inserting the watermark by an oily process. The cipher number of these bills is M.S. the consecutive numbers differing.

One of these bills was recently passed in Vienna One of these bills was recently passed in Vienna to the process oil, of medium height, slender build, pale face, dark mustache, and speaks French and English.

LOOKING FOR MISSING BONDS.

A vain search has been made for American ds, supposed to amount to \$100,000, which belonged to John Robert Turner, of Chorley, Lancashire, England, a cotton trader, who frequently had been in this country on business, and who died has been in this country on business, and who died in England in 1872. He died intestate, and the honds, if they could have been found, would have beinged to the British Government. There has been a belief that a lawyer who had charge of Turner's affairs, and disappeared, stole the missing bonds. William Lees, a Lancashire lawyer, now in this, city, has advertised for information of purchases of American securities by Turner, but he has little hope of finding any trace of the securities.

THE GRANT MONUMENT DEDICATION. Mayor Strong, as chairman of the Dedication Committee of the Grant Monument Association, has issued invitations to President William McKinby and his Cabinet, the Governors of the various States and the foreign diplomatic corps to attend ceremonies on April 27. These will be most elatorate in character, and will consist of a land and water parade, civic and military, with a dinner in the evening and fireworks illuminations. The Committee on Plan and Scope is working hard for the success of the celebration, and it promises to be the grandest of its kind ever held in this country.

SAID TO BE CROOKS FROM BOSTON. Detectives Stripp and Kelly, of the Central Office,

ed in Centre Street Court yesterday Fred-Whitly and Frederick Kelly, both of whom ald they were from Boston, and charged them being suspicious persons. The detectives re-

coners until to-day, ithough the detectives absolutely refused to talk made every effort to have the names of the prists kept from reporters, it was learned from anches acree that the prisoners were suspected of ving stolen jewels in Boston to the value of eral thousands of dollars.

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AN AMERICAN'S INTERESTING HUNT ON THE GREAT RIVER.

HOW HE MADE A COLLECTION OF THE POISONOUS REPTILES IN THE INUNDATED

On Tuesday, March 9, G. R. O'Reilly delivered a lecture before the Linnman Society at its annual meeting in the American Museum of National History, on "Snake Hunting in the Orinoco Delta." Mr. O'Reilly visited this region in 1890 on an English yacht. In describing his adventures in the inundated forests of the great South American River Mr. O'Reilly spoke, in part, as follows: "Passing around a bend of the channel on one

occasion we saw before us at some distance ahead what appeared to be a low, flat island. For some -I believe it was to get a bird we had shot -the boat was stopped under the branches of a tree. When we prepared to go on again the low, flat island was abreast of us. It was floating down to the sea-a real floating island with vines and bushes in flower growing on it. It had also of luxuriant grass, and around its edges great masses of water lilles and lotos bloomed and flourished. High in the centre of it was the prostrate trunk of an old tree which had flourished as a sapling perhaps hundreds of years ago in some far-away valley near the Andes. Now it was a worm-eaten, spongy log, the backbons of a floating island, and on top of it, like an angel on some little spot of heaven affoat, a white egret stood, tall and storkliks. We looked to see some huge anaconda or other great snake colled perhaps near her, taking his sun bath, but we were disappointed in this. However, we saw a snake-a lora (Ahaetulla llocerca)—among the branches of a bush. His back was of a most brimant green, along his sides was a stripe of gold, and beneath he was a pearly whitish and gray. But he glided off at our approach and we could not follow him, for it is impossible to walk on these floating islands without sinking through. We also saw a long machets, an orange-and-green snake, colled on the lotos leaves by the edge, but he, too, glided

"In the whole journey to Buja we passed probably them as large as a city block, some only a few yards in extent. Some were moving, some were anchored to the branches ready to go further up down with the next moving of flood or tide, for the tide runs up an immense way in the Delta,

"During the journey we got two scakes. Their capture was somewhat amusing. I saw one colled in a branch over the water low enough down to be reached by hand. He was a tree boa be reached by hand. He was a tree has (Xiphosoma hortulana), yellow in color and six feet long. The Indians protested loudly against fetching up the boat beneath him, for they, like the people of Trinidad, firmly believe this species to be especially deadly. They said that if he should drop in the boat they would jump out into the water. I pulled my long knife and swore I would cut them to mincement if they did not hold their ground, snake in the boat or no; didn't they know I could master such little snakes easily. otherwise would I have the daring to come so far to hunt the gigantic anaconda? They drew up the boat under the branch, apprehensive both of snake and knife, 'Steady now,' said I, 'and don't topple me over.' The snake was sleeping. A little shake of the branch awoke him, and he stuck out his head to see what disturbed him. Holding my left hand out before him I threatened him with It and he put his head further out, getting ready to But meanwhile my right hand was slowly, very slowly, coming up beneath him. He was occupied with the threatening left hand until the gently approaching right gripped him around the throat. He was dropped into a bag and tied up securely, to the great astonishment of the Indians, who thought I had caught him by magic. "Soon afterward we spied another snake of the

same kind coiled in the branches twenty feet above The Indians now believed in my magic, and said no more about jumping into the water. To get this snake I cut two long saplings of twenty feet each. A boy from Trinidad held one, I held the With a sharp poke I awoke the snake, and then held my pole steady at the outer end of the branch. The boy tapped him gently and con-tinuously on the tail, forcing him toward my branch. The boy tapped him gently and continuously on the tail, forcing him toward my motionless pole. He had to escape samehow from the branch, and, of course, he climbed on my pole. I now held the pole, with the make colled around it, out from the branch, so that he could not escape. By making the boy tap him now from the head of the pole he was forced to climb downward. I remained perfectly motionless until he came within reaching distance, when my hand few out and astenianed him by gripping his neek. He went into the bag, too, and we went on again without seeing any more snakes till we got to Fuja.

"After a vain search for anacondas at Buja I went out to seek for other snakes. In one of the Indians' provision patches, lying on the grass colled, we saw a very long macheta or cullass snake, so called because the males are often so thin that their backbone almost sneks through the skin. Now, this macheta, or Herpetodryas carimius, is perhaps the swiftest snake in the world, and is equally at home in the water or in the trees or on land. It takes a sprinter to catch him, and this fellow was nearly eight feet long, and shot away like an arrow before I could steal close enough to seize him. A paach of thek grass fully two feet tail grew near by, and into that he had gone, for after looking around in every direction for some minutes I at lest saw his head at the distance of twenty or thirty yards off raised above its tops looking at me.

"I tried to get closer to him, but the moment he noticed my approach, down he dropped his head, and when I came to the spot he was nowhere to

"I tried to get closer to him, but the moment he noticed my approach, down he dropped his head, and when I came to the spot he was nowhere to be seen. On looking around again I saw him with his head up in another place above the grass, so that in every case he must have raised himself perpendicularly to a height of two or three feet. As I again approached he again disappeared and began neeping up in another place, and these tactics of hide and seek we played together for nearly half an hour. At last he put his head no more over the grass tons. Looking around elsewhere I espied him gazing down at me from the top of a moderate-sized tree. By a judicious peiting with rotten sticks I and the boy managed to chase him into a low cassaya bush, and here I cornered and caught him, but even then more by stratery than quickness. After this we got more tree boas, some of the beautiful and graceful lovas, and yet another macheta. Anacondas I heard of, but never saw, we I found after a stay in a region said to be

another macheta. Anaconase's heart of the saw.

"Thus I found, after a stay in a region said to be swarming with them, that my old maxim in regard to snakes held true; i. e., the big snake and most of the snakes are further away over the river or over the mountain, always a day's journey off. All the stories we hear of numbers of anacondas draping the trees by the river's edge are either entirely imaginary or founded upon the seeing of two or three of the snakes together on some chance occasion."

Blessings of Fatherhood.—Hogan—It's a great blessin', a baby in th' house. Grogan—It is. Th' ould woman doesn't dare to throw a flatirun at me, for fear ay soakin' th' kid. —(Indianapolis Journal.

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THE POSTMASTER'S IDEAS.

MR. DAYTON SAYS HE WOULD NOT TAKE THE OFFICE AGAIN

YET HE THINKS A CHANGE EVERY FOUR YEARS PAD-A BELIEVER IN CIVIL SERVICE RE-FORM-IMPROVEMENTS MADE DURING

"I would not be Postmaster again if I could." There was no suggestion of "sour grapes" in the tone or manner of Postmaster Dayton as he made sincere. In answer to the inevitable "Why?" he

"In the first place, I could not afford to take the office for another four years, and in the second, it irritates me to have the affairs of the office interfered with by the Department authorities at Washa great deal better. At least, it used to irritate me, but I haven't lost my temper over these matters for the last two years. I found there was no use in it. So now I merely smile, and let them have their own way, although often I can't help feeling that they don't know much about it."

In spite of his expressed reluctance to be Postmaster again Mr. Dayton has become convinced by his experience that it is a bad thing for the postal service to have a change in the heads of all the important offices every four years. He admits that it took him two years to master the New-York office and feel that he had its affairs fully under his control.

"Of course I had everything to learn when I came in here," he remarked, "and so will the man who comes after me, if he is new to the office, as get thoroughly broken in, so that I could feel as if I knew all about the business. Since then I have felt as if I had the reins in my own hands, and for not more than an hour or two. But it is demoralizing to the service to feel that a change at the head is coming at the end of four years, although a sense of permanence about it, as there is in Engof one of the larger offices it is the rule to fill it by promoting a man who has learned the business in one of the smaller offices. If that rule prevailed would be transferred to it. That is, the best man in the country for the place, presumably-the man best fitted by experience and training-would be appointed to the most important office. In the lower departments of the service that is the rule now, vacarcles there being filled by promotions from the lower ranks, as the result of examinations."

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

"What do you think of Civil Service Reform, Mr. Dayton, as the result of your four years' experience here?" asked the writer.

The Postmaster smiled as he answered. "I con-sider it," said he, "as much a necessity as electricity is. It is the only way to get along. To be sure. I believe that some of the examinations are not sufficiently practical. The questions should relate directly to the line of work a man is expected to do. I believe tha, any man of fair in telligence can become a good letter-carrier in sixty days. It is necessary for him to be able to read writing quickly, to have a fair education and to possess a thorough knowledge of the city. does not need to know how many rivers flow into the Mississippi, or anything of that kind. When we come to clerks, a much wider range of knowlraphy, but all the questions should be practical in character. In the case of executive positions I do not see how questions can be framed that will serve as an adequate test. There we have to take into account experience, personal qualities, temperament and other things that no examination

on paper can show."
"What do you regard as the most important improvement in the service in this city in your term?" was the next question. Without a moment's

hesitation Mr. Dayton replied: The provision of handsome, well-kept, well-appointed stations and sub-stations. This was one of the things I resolved on very early. I saw that we had fine firehouses and police stations, and I could see no reason why the Postoffice stations should be put in shabby buildings on side streets, as had been done up to that time. When I proposed to rent the building at Fifth-ave, and Thirteenth-st at \$8,500 for the first three years and \$10,000 for the remainder of the lesse, the officials at Washington were paralyzed; but I carried my point. And improvements in the same direction have been made in all parts of the city. The receiving station in the Metropolitan Life Building, at

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chare day to carry into effect, is that ich of the large office buildings a little lits own. For such postoffices clerks would have to be provided, and the ch building would be put in special i delivered directly to it, and would to the tenants by the carrier immerits arrival. He thinks there would be go frime by this method, and that the of business and professional menterially promoted. of these large buildings,

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTIONS.

Mr. Dayton expects that before long the experiion at first. It has been successfully tried householders are expected to provide the boxes, there is any matter to be posted a signal is disclosed and the collection made by the first number of sub-stations, where the public can buy stamps and other postal supplies, register letters and transact money-order business, has been increased from twenty-six to seventy-eight, and the number of stamp agencies has been more than doubled, above 109 new agencies having been established. The branch stations are designated by the letters of the alphabet. It was thought wise to omit Q and U from the dist, and now all the other letters have been used. How to designate additional stations that may be established will be a problem for the next Postmaster to consider.

A WOMAN TRAPS A BURGLAR.

SHE PULLS A LADDER FROM UNDER THE THIEF

AS HE ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE. John May, a burglar, who says he lives at No. 219 Grand-st., was captured about 11 o'clock yester-day morning, after entering the tailor shop of Samuel Pfeffer, at No. 11f Cannon-st., through the cleverness of a woman. The tailor shop was closed yesterday in observance of the Hebrey Sabbath. Jacob Bronestein, the watchman employed in the shop, went downstairs to the ground floor, and May, who is said to be familiar with the premises, then stole upstairs to the tallor shop, on the fourth He no sooner entered the shop, the door of which was unlocked, than Bronestein rushed upstairs and discovered him.

According to Bronestein, May pulled a revolver edge is necessary, especially in reference to geog- from his pocket, and, pointing it at him, said he would kill him if he made an outery. May then would kill him if he made an outery. May then dashed down the stairs. He met another man in the hallway below, and is alleged to have pointed the revolver at him. This man shouted for help, May gained the yard in the rear, where he threw the revolver and a steel jimmy aside. A ladder that stood against the high wall in the yard presented a means of escape for the burglar. He was halfway up the ladder when the housekeeper of the building rushed out from her rooms and quickly pulled the ladder from under May, throwing him to the ground. pulled the ladder from under May, throwing him to the ground.

He was overpowered by the tenants and held until Detectives Curran and Clifford, of the Union Market station, arrived and arrested him. In the Essex Market Court May was held in \$2,000 bail for trial.

WHERE SPECIALISTS DISAGREE.

Justice Beekman in the Supreme Court yesterday denied an application made some time ago by Sarah L. Gwynne for the appointment of a committee for the person and estate of her cousin Frances Lyon. The latter is eighty-nine years old nd is the sole heir of her brothers, William and

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effect that the old woman had told him that she saw devils continually. Justice Beekman, however, says, in denying the motion, that the affidavits of Drs. Dana and Peterson greatly impressed him. They examined Miss Lyon only two months ago, and found her, they say, perfectly sane.

A SHERLOCK HOLMES ON THE FORCE.

DETECTIVE PERKINS'S CLEVER WORK IN TRACING

A ROBBERY. "Sherlock Holmes" is the name which the police of the West Side have applied recently to Detective Perkins, of the West Thirty-seventh-st. station, who, by clever detective work, seems to have won that title. Less than two weeks ago, through a little brass key left inadvertently on a saloon bar, he succeeded in tracing, arresting and practically convicting two burglars. On Friday, with no other clew than a pair of broken spectacle and half a dozen red paper labels which had faller from cigars, he arrested another burglar, whom he charged yesterday morning in Jefferson Market Court with having entered and robbed the salout of Michael Sheridan, No. 219 West Thirty-second-st. Sheridan on Tuesday reported that several gold watches, a pair of opera glasses and \$50 in money, making a total value of \$500, had been taken from his store by burglars. Detectives Perkins and Pepperted were assigned to the case, but could find On Friday Perkins was in the Northern Hotel,

Twenty-ninth-st. and Ninth-ave., chatting with Gorey, the bartender. As the latter opened and closed the money drawer Perkins noticed in one of the compartments a pair of broken spectacles and inquired who owned them. "A fellow came in here one morning not long ago," said Gorey, "and they fell out of his pocket and broke. The man did not even pick them up, but, thinking they

Perkins examined the glasses, and, by further Perkins examined the glasses, and, by further questioning, the detective found that on Tuesday morning—the robbery occurred late Monday night or early Tuesday morning—a young man entered the hotel and sat at one of the tables. His pockets were bulging out with cigars, and as he leaned over half a dozen or more fell to the floor. He picked them up, but left several red labels which rad slipped from the cigars lying where they had fallen. A moment later the glasses fell from the man's pocket to the floor and broke. Although the man's attention was called to the fact, he disdained to pick them up, and left the place after

Gorey's son told his father that the man had lied, and that his name was Thomas Derby, and that he had been stopping at the Carroll House. Fourteenth-st. and Tenth-ave. for a long time. After a series of investigations. Perkins found hat the gasses and red-label cigars had been stolen from Sheridan's saloon. from Sheridan's saloen.
On Friday he arrested Derby in Tenth-ave., and yesterday morning in Jefferson Market Police Court he was held for examination.

GUESTS AT HOT SPRINGS.

Hot Springs, Va., March 13 (Special) -The spring season at Hot Springs is now fairly at its height, both the New Homestead and Virginia hotels having their capacities tested to the utmost. Among the recent arrivals from New-York are: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Juilliard, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Field, Miss Morss, G. H. Hughes Miss Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paton, Mrs. Amos Kidd, Miss Kidd, Mrs. Thomas Paton, Mrs. Amos Kild, Miss Kild, Mrs. Julien L. Myers, Miss Myers, L. B. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ballacd, Miss Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ballacd, Mrs. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ropes, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Myers, George L. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Ross, Miss Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury Langdon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Platt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sayre Martin, Mrs. F. A. Potts, Mss. Potts, F. K. Potts, Mrs. George F. Stone, Miss Stone, Mrs. J. Hare Allen and her party, Mrs. W. C. Woodley, Miss Eleanor F. Mulligan, Mrs. H. T. Caswell, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Derlington, Mrs. Paul Babeook, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Derlington, Mrs. Paul Babeook, Mr. and Mrs. G. Alvarez, James P. Ross and Mr. and Mrs. H. Martin Sands.

CHURCHES TO UNITE IN A FAIR.

On the Upper West Side eight of the important churches-St. Andrew's Methodist, All Angels' and Christ Church, Episcopal; Calvary Baptist, the and Rutger's Riverside, Presbyterian; the Eternal Hope, Universalist, and the Collegiate, Dutch Re-formed—are now united in preparing for a fair which they will give early in April for the benefit of a local non-sectarian charity-the Riverside Day of a local non-sectarian charity—the Riverside Day Nursery, it has become a question whether the condition of the treasury of this most necessary work will allow it to be continued during the summer, and it is hoped that enough money may be realized not only to do this, but to form a building fund with a view to giving it a permanent home.

The Riverside Day Nursery is entirely distinct from the Riverside Association, another West Side charity, for which it is sometimes mistaken.

KICKING OUT THE YELLOWS.

The movement to exclude "The World" and "The Journal" from clubs, institutions and libraries goes on steadily. The latest action of club officials to exclude the two newspapers is that of the Racquet and Tennis Cub and the Alpha Delta Phi Cub directors. Both newspapers have been excluded also from the Cooper Union.

A FLIMSY KIND OF A JOKE.

A report yesterday about bogus jury notices being served upon some Maiden Lane merchants with the intention of blackmailing turned out to be without foundation. The perpetrators thought they were playing a weak sort of a joke on one of the summoned persons. They had taken a blank subpoena of the City Court and filled it out, directing one of the men to appear before "the Hon, John H. Dailey in the City Court, Part II, General Term, in the building at the corner of Elm and Franklin sts." The notice was signed "T. J. McCord, attorney for Deputy Commissioner of Jurors." No attempt at blackmall was reported. The smart young men who conceived the "joke" thought they would frighten their acquaintances into hunting for the fictitious "Hon. John H. Dailey, at the corner of Elm and Franklin sts." or be liable to the usual fine of \$50. ng one of the men to appear before "the Hon. John

MRS. ANNIE BESANT ON THE HUMAN AURA. What will be the first attempt to show in a popular nanner the facts of occult science with regard to man as clearly as the scientist shows the revelations of the microscope may be said to be the specific mis-sion of Mrs. Annie Besant's lecture tour in the United States in the coming months. Mrs. Besant has lately returned from India and is now on her way to New-York on the steamship Teutonic, of the way to New-York on the steamship Teutonic, of the White Star Line. After an absence of some years she will again speak to an American audience in Chickering Hall on March 21. The title of her first lecture is "A Glimpse of the Unseen World; the Hu-man Aura." This lecture will be illustrated with stereopticon pictures and will describe the aura, ex-plain the differences visible between the undeveloped and developed men and women and the changes in the aura introduced by thoughts and feelings. An-

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ATTEMPTS SUICIDE IN A DRUG STORE,

A YOUNG MAN LEAPS OVER THE COUNTER SEIZES A BOTTLE OF POISON AND

BEGINS TO DRINK IT Richard Bruman, twenty-seven years old, of No. 9% Chrystle-st., attempted to commit suicide vesterday afternoon at Elmer & Amend's drug store, at Third-ave, and Eighteenth-st. Shortly before 4 o'clock, Bruman entered the place by one of the Third-ave, doors and, walking directly to one of the ished that they waited till he went to the shelves picked up a gallon bottle of poison, and started to drink it. Then two of the clerks caught hold of him, and, after a struggle, took the bottle from him. He begged them, while a messenger was sent for a policeman of the East Twenty-second-st. station, to

let him drink the poison and end his misery. Bruman is a well-dressed and respectable-looking young man. He told the police that his mother died a week ago, and that since that time he had been East Twenty-second-st, station he alternately pleaded and struggled with the policeman. While standing in front of the desk at the station he unexpectedly made another attempt to kill himself. He picked up a knife that belonged to the sergeant from the desk and started to cut his throat. He was again overpowered, and handcuffs were put on him.

He was taken to Bellevue Hospital a prisoner for attempting suicide, and was placed in the insane payillon.

AN ESTATE WASTED BY THE EXECUTOR.

A decision was handed down yesterday by Surrogate Arnold confirming the report of the referee in a suit for an accounting brought by Leon T. Walter, son of the late John Walter, in which it was charged that Paul Provot, the executor, had wasted and dissipated part of the estate, which originally was worth \$10,000. Provot said that he had in his hands a balance of \$2,427 over disbursements made, and acknowledged that much of the money of the estate had been lost by him in stock

speculation along with money of his own. In his decision Surrogate Arnold says: "The accounting executor very frankly admits that he has spent all the money, except as claimed to have been disbursed and set forth in the account. Money constituting a large part of the estate, he says, he used in stock speculation. While dignifying these transactions by terming them investments he falls to give any description of, or in fact any detail as to the character of such alleged investments. His de-fence seems to be an indignant protest against being pestered with questions."

CURTIS LYCEUM ON STATEN ISLAND.

A dignified and fitting memorial to George William Curtis will be the Gothic hall soon to be built in connection with the Staten Island Academy at St. George. In the interest of this memorial and St. George. In the interest of this memorial and especially of the fund for decorating the interior of the hall a series of interesting entertainments has been planned by many of the prominent women of the island. The first will be given on Friday afternoon, March 26, when F. Hopkinson Smith will lecture on "Modern French Impressionism." On Tuesday, March 30, H. E. Krehbiel will lecture on "Folk Songs," while the third occasion will be devoted to architecture. A reception in the Winter Memorial Library will follow each lecture.

DATE OF THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

Thomas Cook & Son, the European tourist agents, announce that the principal celebrations of the dia-mond jubilee celebration of Queen Victoria's reign will take place between June 12 and 30. The actual dates of the processions and other principal functions have not as yet been fixed, but it is expected that the state procession to Westminster will take place about June 21 or 22, the Accession Day falling on Sunday.

DR. MASON'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon made an autopay Friday night on the body of Dr. Sumner A. Mason, fifty-seven years old, of No. 128 West One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh-st, who died suddenly at his home yesterday afternoon. Dr. Mason was taken violently ill yesterday and Dr. Henry J. Wolf, of No. 121 West One-hundred-and-twenty-sixth-st, who was called to attend him, found him in a state of coma, from which he did not rally, dying in a few minutes. The autopsy showed that death was caused by kidney disease, inflammation of the lungs and congestion of the brain.

Dr. Mason was a member of the Lenox Repub-

lican Club, and was well known in Hariem. He had not been in good health for some time, but his death was entirely unexpected.

Several years ago Dr. Mason, who had as his death was the considerable wealth from a private practice, married a handsome woman and went on a wedding tour with her to Italy. He had been a man of eccentric character, and while in Italy was imprisoned on a charge of insanity. An Italian count, it is said, took an active part in procuring count, it is said, took an active part in procuring count, it is said, took an active part in procuring the incarceration. Dr. Mason appealed to the American Consul in the city where he was held, and was set at liberty. Soon afterward the count committed suicide in London.

Dr. Mason was one of the candidates last fall for the Republican nomination for Coroner against Coroner Tuthili.

Dr. O'Hanlon says that the autopsy showed that one part of the brain near the base was abnormally small. This, he thinks, may have accounted for some of Dr. Mason's ecentricities.

IN THE SUBURBAN THEATRE. "THE PUBLIC IN THE FIRST ROW IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED NOT TO EAT SAUSAGES DUR-ING THE PLAY, AS IT HAS A BAD EFFECT ON THE ACTORS."—Giseende Blatter.